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KRAKOW TO EXPAND GAS MAINS;  
PETROLEUM INSTITUTE TO GET NEW BUILDING

LARGER MAINS TO BE USED -- Dziennik Polski, No 9, 10 Jan 50

Since the extension of Krakow city limits to include adjacent areas, the Municipal Gasworks has the problem of supplying gas to these areas. The Municipal Gasworks is already making preparations to expand production capacity and extend the network of gas mains. In 1950, gas purifiers will be constructed, and more gas compressors will be purchased. Starting in 1950, smaller gas mains are being replaced with larger mains along Stalina Street, Miodowa Street, and at the workers' housing project in Grzegorzki. A gas main will be extended to Wawel Hill.

TO HOUSE LABORATORIES, LIBRARY -- Dziennik Polski, No 10, 11 Jan 50

The Petroleum Institute, which recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, now occupies two leased buildings. A new structure of 14,000 cubic meters is being built for the institute on Lubicza Street. The new building will house a research laboratory in structural geology, other laboratories, technical and publishing divisions, a library, a clinic for applied industrial psychology, a museum, and an administrative office. The building will be ready for use this year.

PETROLEUM INSTITUTE 5 YEARS OLD -- Dziennik Polski, No 8, 9 Jan 50

On 7 January, the Petroleum Institute in Krakow, the first scientific institute in Poland, celebrated its fifth anniversary. Participating in the event were: Borowski, representing the Ministry of Mining and Power; Professor Goetel, director of AGH; representatives of the Central Administration of the Petroleum Industry; representatives of political parties and trade unions, and Director Wojnar and all the workers of the institute.

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Laskowski, director of the Natural Fuels Institute, opened the meeting, and Engineer J. Wojnar, organizer and director of the institute, gave a report of the institute's activities in the 5 years of its existence.

REVIEWS PETROLEUM INSTITUTE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- Dziennik Polski, No 8, 9 Jan 50

The present administrative structure of the Petroleum Institute, the program of its activities, and the development trends for the future are the result of 5 years' experience and reflect the industrial development of Poland.

Only administrative changes have been made; the basic production principles have remained unchanged, except in some minor details.

The Petroleum Institute, established in 1945, is comprised of three divisions: Extraction, Structural Geology, and Technology with a Synthetics Department. The management of the institute, the Technical Department, and the administrative department are located in Krakow. To accommodate the increased operations in the field of scientific research and the added activities resulting from the Six-Year Plan, the institute started construction of a new building of a 15,000-cubic-meter capacity.

One of the tasks of the institute is to coordinate the activities of the scientific division with the activities of the industrial workers, especially the efficiency experts. The institute has organized and developed intermediate trade schools, the first one organized in 1945, and has opened two wells, a training well and an experimental well to aid efficiency experts through scientific research.

At present, the institute is operating three laboratories and one experimental well; the training well and the trade schools established by the institute have been taken over by the Central Administration of the Petroleum Industry.

From 1945 to 1949, the institute completed 134 important projects in the field of scientific research, submitted 1,343 opinions and appraisals, 9,870 various analyses, 2,605 of which were made in 1948, and 20,699 various surveys and estimates. It had also organized ten contests for innovations in drilling and extraction equipment. The institute has also achieved unusually good results from research and analyses of underlying salines. The supply of iodine and bromine thus secured will eliminate imports of these valuable elements and perhaps even provide a surplus for export. The institute has developed a method of extracting the iodine and bromine from the salt water which will save enough foreign exchange to cover the institute's yearly budget. The recent research on the radioactivity in bore holes makes it possible to secure a more precise picture of the geochemical composition of petroleum areas.

One of the more important achievements of the institute are its publications. The first issue of Nafta was published as early as June 1945; 50 issues have been published since then. In the 5 years of its existence, the institute published nine books and 11 pamphlets. Two books and four pamphlets are now in the process of publication. In the institute's two libraries, there are 11,100 volumes comprising all publications of the Polish petroleum industry and a great number of Soviet publications in this field.

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PETROLEUM WORKERS MEET -- Zwiaskowiec, No 3, 15 Jan 50

The third national meeting of the Trade Union of Workers of the Petroleum Industry, held in Krosno, was attended by 250 delegates representing all divisions of the industry. The CRZZ (Central Council of Trade Unions) was represented by Vice-Chairman Burski and Secretary Dolinski. At the meeting, Sabik, secretary general of the main administration of the trade union, mentioned that through the development of work competition programs and through rational labor methods, the Three-Year Plan was fulfilled 3 months prior to the scheduled date. At present, 70 percent of the workers in the petroleum industry are engaged in work-competition programs. The safety record also improved in 1949; the number of accidents were reduced 75 percent.

Trawinski, general manager of CZPN (Central Administration of Petroleum Industry) acquainted the delegates with assignments in the Six-Year Plan. He stated that in order to fulfill the Six-Year Plan, the trade union must more fully mobilize all the manpower reserve and all material potentials which up to now have not been utilized. This will mean greater production not only to satisfy domestic demands but for export as well.

Salcewicz, Vice-Minister of Mining and Power, also attended the meeting. He stressed the key position of the petroleum industry in Poland's economy.

NEW UNDERSECRETARIES FOR MINING AND POWER -- Dziennik Polski, No 15, 16 Jan 50

The President of Poland appointed Engineers Mieczyslaw Lesz, Boleslaw Krupinski, and Feliks Szczepanski undersecretaries in the Ministry of Mining and Power.

MAZURY VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED -- Zielony Sztandar, No 4, 25 Dec 49

The village of Piecki, Olsztyn area, is the 425th village to be electrified by the Power Association of the Mazury region.

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